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QUOTE:

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SUBJ: PAKISTAN AND NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE

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SUMMARY: PAKISTAN DOES NOT PLAN TO APPLY FOR ANY KIND OF OFFICIAL STATUS AT THE UPCOMING NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT, FEARING THAT THE RISK OF A REBUFF IS TOO GREAT. THE GOP DOES HOPE TO SEND SOME OFFICIALS TO COLOMBO DURING THE CONFERNCE TO KEEP THEIR EARS TO THE GROUND, HOWEVER,. THE PAKS CONTINUE TO LOBBY THEIR FRIENDS ABOUT THE AGENDA ITEMS OF INTEREST TO PAKISTAN. THESE INCLUDE MOST PROMINENTLY ITEM 11 ON THE STRENGTHENING OF NON-ALIGNED SECURITY WHICH THEY OPPOSE, THE SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE ZONE, WHICH THE SUPPORT, AND THE ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. MFA ADDITIONAL SECRETARY NIAZ NAIK HAS TOLD US THAT THE GOP DOES NOT PLAN TO TRY TO OBTAIN ANY OFFICIAL STATUS (E.G. OBSERVER OR GUEST) AT NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. THE PAKS CONTINUE TO PRESS THEIR POSITION THAT THE NAM CRITERIAN HAVING TO DO WITH MEMBER-  
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SHIP IN MILITARY ALLIANCES IS TOO RESTRICTIVE, AND THAT THIS

PROVISION SHOULD BE CHANGED SO AS TO BAR ONLY MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW PACT AND NATO. THEY CLAIM TO HAVE FOUND SOME SYMPATHY FOR THIS POINT OF VIEW, BUT APPARENTLY NOT ENOUGH TO OVERCOME THE OBJECTIONS OF THE INDIANS TO DILUTING THE TRADITIONAL CRITERIA. NAIK SAID THAT THE SOVIET UNION WAS ALSO PRESSURING ITS FRIENDS AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED TO MAINTAIN THESE TRADITIONAL CRITERIA, FEARING THE EFFECTS OF A SUCCESSFUL RUMANIAN MEMBERSHIP BID ON THEIR RELATIONS WITH OTHER EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PAKS HAD CONCLUDED THAT AN APPLICATION FROM PAKISTAN FOR ANY KIND OF OFFICIAL STATUS WOULD MEET WITH A REBUFF, AND PAKISTAN IS NOT INCLINED TO TAKE THAT RISK. IN THE LONGER TERM, OF COURSE, THEY ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE NON-ALIGNED AS FULL MEMBERS, BUT FOR THE TIME BEING THEIR EFFORTS SEEM TO BE CONCENTRATED ON FINDING WAYS OF INFLUENCING THE GROUP (E.G. THROUGH OBSERVER STATUS FOR THE ISLAMATIC SUMMIT) WITHOUT ANY OFFICIAL AFFILIATION WITH IT. NAIK SAID THAT THE PAKS HOPE TO SEND TO COLOMBO "A COUPLE OF AMBASSADORS," PERHAPS ACCOMPANIED BY SOMEONE FROM MFA, TO KEEP TRACK INFORMALLY OF WHAT HAPPENS AT THE SUMMIT.

2. THE PAKS APPARENTLY ARE CONTINUING TO LOBBY WITH THEIR FRIENDS AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED ON THE AGENDA ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO THEM. THE PRINCIPAL ONE MENTIONED BY NAIK WAS THE YUGOSLAV PROPOSAL ON THE STRENGTHENING OF NON-ALIGNED SECURITY. THE PAKS HAD ARGUED, ESPECIALLY WITH THE SRI LANKANS AND THE YUGOSLAVS, THAT THIS ITEM COULD BE USED BY INDIA TO JUSTIFY A CONCERTED MOVE WITH AFGHANISTAN AGAINST PAKISTAN. THEY ALSO FEARED THAT SUCH A RESOLUTION, IF APPROVED, COULD BE USED BY THE SOVIETS AS AN OPENING WEDGE IN THEIR DRIVE TO ESTABLISH AN ASIAN COLLECTIVE SECURITY SYSTEM. ACCORDING TO NAIK, THE PAKS ALSO FELT THAT THIS MEASURE WAS IN CONFLICT WITH BOTH THE PROPOSAL FOR INDIAN OCEAN ZONE OF PEACE AND THE PAK PROPOSAL FOR A SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR WEAPONS FREE ZONE. NAIK CLAIMED THAT THE SRI LANKANS WERE NOW OPPOSED TO THIS ITEM, ALTHOUGH THE YUGOSLAVS HAD NOT BEEN WILLING TO WITHDRAW IT FROM THE AGENDA. THE PAKS HOPE THAT IT WILL EVENTUALLY EITHER BE DROPPED FROM THE AGENDA OR BE DEFERRED TO A SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

3. THE PAKS ALSO HOPE THAT THE NON-ALIGNED MEETING WILL COME UP WITH SOME SUPPORT FOR THE PAKISTANI SOUTH ASIAN NUCLEAR FREE

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ZONE PROPOSAL, AND ARE LOBBYING TO THAT EFFECT. NAIK SAID THAT PAKISTAN WAS ALSO "DEEPLY INTERESTED" IN THE ECONOMIC RESOLUTIONS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE NON-ALIGNED SUMMIT. IN ANOTHER CONTEXT, HE SAID THAT THE GOP "DREADED" THE INEVITABLE RADICAL NOISES WHICH THE SUMMIT WOULD PRODUCE IN THIS AREA. HE ALSO REITERATED THE GOP OPPOSITION TO THE SOVIET-BACKED PROPOSAL FOR AN UNIVERSAL DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE. BYRON ROADE UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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